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42.(New) The airbag fabric of Claim 40 wherein said woven fabric has a cover factor below about 1750 and fibers having deniers equal to or less than 420.

43.(New) The airbag fabric of Claim 42 wherein said woven fabric has a cover factor below about 1750 and fibers having deniers equal to or less than 420.

### REMARKS

The claims remaining after this request for reissue are 1-43. No claims have been deleted. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 18 have been amended. Claims 21-43 have been added. The title as issued was incorrect from that of the application as originally filed and thus has been corrected to remedy the simple misspelling of the word "possessing" as "processing". The specification has been amended to merely reflect the fact that cover factors of at most 1775 and 1750 and preferred embodiments of the inventive fabric. Such limitations were originally included within the claims but were omitted by mistake from the specification. Thus, no new matter has been added to correct for this.

The amendments to the Claims, as well as the newly added claims, have been submitted in an effort to correct for a mistake regarding the misconception of previously produced airbag fabrics. In particular, it recently came to the attention of the inventor that the woven fabric at least similar in cover factor weave structure to that of his Example 7, but coated with thick silicone-based coatings for low permeability (not with other types, such as lower density polyurethanes, polyacrylates, and the others now present within independent claim 21), was produced and sold commercially at a date uncertain in terms of his filing date, but most likely at a date more than one year prior to such a filing

date (e.g., prior to September 24, 1998). Thus, in an effort to correct for the broad limitations of patented Claim 1 in U.S. Pat. No. 6,294,487 (which basically encompasses any coated or laminated airbag fabric exhibiting a cover factor below 1900 and a very low air permeability), Assignee now requests the amendments as submitted above. Clearly, the Examples 1-6 include airbag fabrics included a film adhered thereto and of very low cover factors and thus do not include any new matter.

Claims 21-39 encompass coated airbag fabrics of very low cover factors, but which are basically not coated with silicones (which require very thick add-on weights to provide the desired low air permeabilities). Proper basis for such claims is found on col. 4, lines 52-61, as well as in Example 7.

No new matter has been added. Claims 40-43 also find support within the original claims, Examples 4 and 5, and within the first amended paragraph noted above. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Entry and due consideration of such corrected preliminary amendments are thus earnestly solicited.

Furthermore, a PTO-1449 listing all the references to be printed in the reissue patent is also included.

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